PCC Cooperative Cataloging during the US RDA Test

The test period to create records using RDA (Resource Description & Access) began on Friday, October 1. The test period will last three months, until December 31, 2010. Testing institutions, both those part of the formal US RDA Test and those participating on an informal basis, are contributing RDA records to OCLC according to the protocols stated in "*OCLC policy statement on RDA Cataloging in WorldCat for the U.S. testing period*" available at http://www.oclc.org/rda/policy.htm.

PCC RDA test institutions are also following instructions in administrative document #7 "*Adding RDA elements/fields to existing OCLC non-RDA records*" available at http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/RDAtest/admindoc7.doc. This document details which categories of master bibliographic records coded AACR2 or preAACR2 may be converted to RDA and makes clear that duplicate RDA and AACR2 records should not be created during the test period.

PCC catalogers, including those who are not part of the test, will encounter RDA test bibliographic and authority records (coded 040 $e rda) in OCLC. In some existing AACR2 authority records, PCC catalogers will also encounter RDA forms of names in 7XX fields and RDA related MARC elements being added when the form is needed for an RDA bibliographic record.

NACO participants, whether part of the US RDA Test or not, who are doing RDA authority work, are following procedures for working with existing AACR2 authority records as outlined in administrative document #1 "*US RDA Test Policy for the Extra Set: Use of Existing Authority and Bibliographic Records*" at http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/RDAtest/admindoc1.doc. As illustrated in various scenarios in this document, RDA forms of names will appear in 7XX fields of existing AACR2 authority records (7XX, second indicator 4).

CONSER participants may encounter RDA serials records as copy or as fully authenticated CONSER records. CONSER RDA test institutions may or may not be applying provisions of the CONSER standard record to RDA records throughout the test as outlined in "*RDA as modified by CSR: recommended guidelines*" available at http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/CSR-RDA-Test.pdf. However, all catalogers should be aware of the instructions and guidelines that CONSER has provided on working with RDA and AACR2 records for continuing resources throughout the test period also included on p. 4-5 of this document.

For more information and additional links to US RDA Test resources please go to "*Resource Description and Access (RDA) and PCC*" webpage at http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/RDA-PCC.html.

All RDA questions should be directed to LChelp4rda@loc.gov.

Comments on PCC-related aspects of the US RDA Test may be sent to: coop@loc.gov with the words "PCC/RDA aspects" in the subject line.